

Recipe for Disaster and The U.S. Military Industrial Empire

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I tune into many cooking shows lately. They all have lots of recipes for just about any kind of dish one can imagine. Well, from our 21st Century Military Industrial Empire's Cookbook the most popular recipe is this one: Take the Two Party/One Party food fight and add a large portion of Mainstream Media Bu**hit. Wallah, you will have the finest disaster dish around. With all the many terrible actions by this administration to subjugate we working stiffs, the apologists for empire refuse to mention them and instead focus on constitutional technicalities. Tune in the boob tube and view the Pro Impeachment vs. No impeachment rhetoric concerning this possibly Adhdd (Attention deficit hyperactivity disorder) president.

Symptoms of inattention

- Often makes careless mistakes and lacks attention to details
 Examples: overlooking or missing details or handing in work that is inaccurate
- Often has difficulty paying attention to tasks
 Example: difficulty remaining focused during lectures, conversations, or lengthy readings
- Often seems to not listen when spoken to directly

 Example: mind seems elsewhere, even in the absence of obvious distraction
- Often fails to follow through on instructions, chores, or duties in the workplace

Example: starts tasks but quickly loses focus and is easily sidetracked

- Often has difficulty organizing tasks and activities
 Examples: messy, disorganized work; poor time management; fails to meet deadlines
- Often avoids, dislikes, or is reluctant to participate in tasks requiring sustained mental effort, like preparing reports, completing forms, or reviewing lengthy papers
- Often loses things like tools, wallets, keys, paperwork, eyeglasses, and mobile phones
- Often easily distracted by other things, including unrelated thoughts
- Often forgetful in daily activities, such as running errands, returning calls, paying bills, and keeping appointments

You don't need a degree in psychiatry to notice how Mr. Trump displays many, if not all, of these symptoms. The fact that he *continuously* repeats a phrase *two times* is an indication. Yet, his 'condition' is only one part of the complex problem that this *Military Industrial Empire* has created.

Viewing last week's (supposed) Democratic Party presidential debate made this writer contemplate throwing my shoe at the television screen. One solitary aspirant on that stage, Ms. Gabbard, had the *audacity* to mention 'Wars of regime change' that are synonymous with longstanding US foreign policy... under ALL our previous presidents. The others on that stage, all of them, like 'deer caught in the headlights', just brushed her remarks aside, like an elephant does to a fly on its ass. They were too concerned with 'helping the Kurds from being massacred by the Turks in Syria'. After all, the Kurdish forces were wiping out ISIS from that part of Syria, and Trump gave a 'green light' to Turkey by pulling US forces out. And that was and IS the new rhetoric, right? Well, not really. You see, if the Bush/Cheney gang did not attack and occupy Iraq an Afghanistan, and the Obama/Hillary gang did not attack and destroy Libya... there would be NO ISIS or whatever group of Islamic fanatics assembled in that region, including Syria. By the way, US foreign policy aided and abetted those fanatics so as to see 'Regime change' come to Syria, a cog in the geopolitical landscape of that Middle East region. Translated: What Ms. Gabbard was stating by her assertions, is that the Two Party/One Party representatives of this empire ALL have dirty hands in this mess! Mr. Trump is just the latest of many minions of empire!

The Two Party/One Party scam continues so long as the hundreds of millions of working stiffs keep buying into what they are selling. The Republicans always take the lead in protecting the interests of the Super rich. All Trump did was sell his phony populist Kool Aid to the millions of working stiffs by scapegoating the non white poor, playing the terrorist fear card, blessing our militarism... and of course catering to the evangelical antiabortionists. With all the skeletons he has in his closet, if the Democrats ran Donald Duck instead of Mrs. Clinton, with ALL her skeletons, they would have won the White House. Not to be Not to be. The empire needs to keep the suckers 'deaf and dumb' to what it has always been doing: Support the Super Rich and the obscene militarism that protects them. Why is it that, during ALL the Democratic Party's (so-called) debates, no mention of the fact that over HALF our federal tax dollars goes down the rabbit hole of military spending? You want what now many running for president are trumpeting, Medicare for All (of course, all but perhaps Sanders are still embedded with keeping private insurance active in it)? Well, cut even but 25% of that money, which would be at least \$ 180 billion a year, and you can have comprehensive national health care for all of us. without the private insurers being involved!

Of course, if we want to see real and viable change within our political system, then take ALL the private money OUT of elections by instituting *Public funding*. Then, the Two Party/One Party scam would end... for good!

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